

**COMPREHENSIVE EXEMPTION LIST FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
COUNTY OF HAWAII
REVIEWED AND CONCURRED IN BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL ON
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Pursuant to Section 11-200-8, Hawaii Administrative Rules, the following types of actions, where they fall within the given classes of action, shall generally be exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

EXEMPTION CLASS 1: Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing.

1. Operate, repair and maintain traffic control devices, i.e. traffic signals, street lights, traffic signs and pavement markings (6/21/95).
2. Highway lighting systems (2/5/85).
3. Roofing (2/5/85).
4. Repair and maintenance of existing structures (2/5/85).
5. Guardrail installation (2/5/85).
6. Acquisition of land or easements on which existing facilities are situated (2/5/85).
7. Operate, repair and maintain all County automotive and construction equipment assigned to the department (2/5/86).
8. Operate, repair and maintain all County parking meters (2/5/86).
9. Operate, repair and maintain all County owned areas including, but not limited to, parking lots, road rights-of-way, drainageways and easements. This maintenance shall include removal and trimming of all vegetation, as needed, in order to minimize any encroachments or obstructions within the road right-of-way (6/21/95).
10. Operate, repair and maintain all wastewater facilities including sewer lines, pump stations and treatment plant components (6/21/95).
11. Operate, repair and maintain all solid waste facilities including transfer stations and disposal facility components (6/21/95).

EXEMPTION CLASS 2: Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located generally on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose, capacity, density, height and dimensions as the structure replaced.

1. Replacement or reconstruction of existing asphaltic concrete paved roads or of existing gravel roads by resurfacing with asphaltic concrete pavement. The completed road will be located within the existing right-of-way and will have substantially the same purpose, capacity and dimensions as the road prior to construction (2/5/85).

2. Modernization of an existing highway for safety purposes by resurfacing, widening less than a single lane width, adding shoulders, adding auxiliary lanes for localized purposes (weaving, climbing, speed changes, etc.) and correcting substandard curves and intersections (2/5/85).
3. Replacement or reconstruction of existing gravel parking lots not exceeding 20 stalls by resurfacing with asphaltic concrete (2/5/85).
4. Replacement or reconstruction of all wastewater facilities including sewer lines, pump stations and treatment plant components (6/21/95).
5. Replacement or reconstruction of all solid waste facilities including transfer stations and disposal facility components (6/21/95).
6. Replacement, reconstruction or extension of water, sewage, electrical, gas, telephone, street light and other essential public utility service extensions within the County road rights-of-way (6/21/95).

EXEMPTION CLASS 3: Construction and location of single, new, small facilities or structures and the alteration and modification of same and installation of new, small equipment and facilities and the alteration and modification of same including but not limited to : (a) single family residences not in conjunction with the building of two (2) or more such units; (b) multi-unit structures designed for not more than four (4) dwelling units, if not in conjunction with the building of two (2) or more such structures; (c) stores, offices and restaurants designed for total occupant load of twenty (20) persons or less, if not in conjunction with the building of two (2) or more such structures; (d) water, sewage, electrical, gas, telephone, and other essential public utility service extensions to serve such structures and facilities; and (e) accessory or appurtenant structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools and fences.

1. Play area and play courts (2/5/85).
2. Fencing (2/5/85).
3. Install traffic control devices, i.e. traffic signals, street lights, traffic signs and pavement markings (6/21/95).
4. Install wastewater facilities including sewer lines, pump stations and treatment plant components (6/21/95).
5. Install solid waste facilities including transfer stations and disposal facility components (6/21/95).
6. New installation of water, sewage, electrical, gas, telephone, street light and other essential public utility service extensions within the County road rights-of-way (6/21/95).

EXEMPTION CLASS 4: Minor alteration in the condition of land, water, or vegetation.

1. Install and/or remove all County parking meters (2/5/86).

2. Maintenance and removal of all vegetation from within the County road rights-of-way that pose a hazard to the health and welfare of the public (6/21/95).
3. Maintenance and removal of all vegetation from within existing sewer line and drainage easements (6/21/95).
4. Maintenance and removal of vegetation in order to conduct survey work (6/21/95).

EXEMPTION CLASS 5: Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

1. Perform preliminary surveys (e.g. reconnaissance, location work, level circuits, topographic and hydrographic work) (2/5/86).

EXEMPTION CLASS 6: Construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities.

1. Interior alterations involving such things as partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances (2/5/85).
2. Installation of culverts under an existing County road to eliminate flooding (2/5/85).
3. Installation of one or two (one on each side of the road) drywell sumps within the County right-of-way to eliminate or reduce localized flooding, ponding or puddling (2/5/85).
4. Modification of existing wastewater facilities to include sewer lines, pump stations and treatment plant components (6/21/95).
5. Modification of existing solid waste facilities including transfer stations and disposal facility components (6/21/95).
6. Install traffic control devices, i.e. traffic signals, street lights, traffic signs and pavement markings (6/21/95).
7. Install wastewater facilities including sewer lines, pump stations and treatment plant components (6/21/95).
8. Install solid waste facilities including transfer stations and disposal facility components (6/21/95).
9. New installation of water, sewage, electrical, gas, telephone, street light and other essential public utility service extensions within the County road rights-of-way (6/21/95).

As stipulated in Section 11-200-8(b), Hawaii Administrative Rules, all exemptions under this list are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of planned successive actions of the same types, in the same place, over time, is significant, or when an action that is normally insignificant in its impact on the environment may be significant in a particularly sensitive environment.